

## House Resolution No. 143

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pride in the quality of Show-Me State educators who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their students and to the learning process by which each generation prepares for the future; and

**Whereas**, Mike Collins of Reeds Spring High School has been selected as Missouri's Teacher of the Year by Wal-Mart and Sam's Club; and

**Whereas**, a teacher of biology and botany, Mike Collins will receive \$2,500 for programs at his school in recognition of his statewide honor in addition to the previously received \$500 for his classroom as a result of his first place finish at the local level; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to accolades and honors, Mike Collins enjoyed selection as Teacher of the Year at Reeds Spring for the 2000-2001 and the 1998-1999 school years; and

**Whereas**, Mike Collins has been involved in two projects, a greenhouse operation and a recycling system, which have had exceptional student involvement and which have provided timely, practical learning experiences for his students that may very well stay with them for the rest of their lives; and

**Whereas**, noted for a commitment to his students which includes ensuring that everyone earns good grades because everybody's need to learn is met, Mike Collins also sponsors a Stream Team water quality program; and

**Whereas**, a teacher at Reeds Spring since 1990, Mike Collins is willing to answer student questions in a way that satisfies their curiosity and demonstrates the depth and breadth of his knowledge and his keen insights in the all-important, intertwined fields of biology and botany:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Mike Collins for the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Missouri Teacher of the Year award and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and professional success in the field of education for many years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mike Collins, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Missouri Teacher of the Year.

Offered by Speaker Jim Kreider  
District No. 142

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 143, adopted January 29, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

